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In re the Application of: **NISHIUCHI, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1742

Serial No.: 09/977,363

Examiner: **OLTMANS, Andrew L.**

Filed: **October 16, 2001**

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For: **RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET, AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 1742

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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November 12, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 11, 2003**, entry of the following amendment
is respectfully requested: